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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST CASE: W/W: JOEL ROCAMORA

REF: STATE 019241

1. NANCY ROCAMORA CALLED ON FSO ROBERT PRINGLE (WHO IS OLD ACQUAINTANCE) ON JAN 26 AND EXPLAINED STATUS OF CASE AS FOLLOWS: ATMOSPHERE AT UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES IS TENSE IN WAKE OF RECENT ARRESTS. SEVERAL DAYS AGO, NANCY WAS INFORMED BY FRIEND OF A FRIEND THAT NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY (NISA) WAS "WORKING ON JOEL'S ARREST." FRIEND WHO CONVEYED THIS INDIRECT MESSAGE SAID IF JOEL SURRENDERED TO NISA HE WOULD GET BETTER TREATMENT THAN IF APPREHENDED BY CONSTABULARY (PC.) WHEN PRINGLE WONDERED WHY IF PC OR NISA SEEKING JOEL THEY HAD NOT SIMPLY PICKED HIM UP, SHE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN REPORTING TO OFFICE OR SLEEPING AT HOME (WHICH SHE THINKS UNDER SURVEILLANCE) FOR PAST WEEK. HOWEVER, SHE ADMITTED JOEL HAD GIVEN WIDELY ADVERTISED PRESENTATION AT UNIVERSITY SOCIOLOGICAL CONVENTION ON JAN 24 AS ANNOUNCED AHEAD OF TIME. SHE AGREED IT SOMEWHAT ODD THAT IF AUTHORITIES SEEKING JOEL THEY HAD NOT USED THIS OBVIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO PICK HIM UP. PRINGLE OFFERED SUGGESTION THAT SHE TALK WITH CONSUL (WHICH SHE DECLINED) AND PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH.

2. DURING JAN 27 CONVERSATION SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL NANCY CONFIRMED THAT BOTH SHE AND JOEL WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY SINCE JOEL FEELS "HE NO LONGER HAS FUTURE
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IN PHILIPPINES". JOEL WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE "IMMEDIATELY;"

SHE WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN (WITH CHILD) FOR ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS TO FINISH MA THESIS AT UNIVERSITY OF PHILIPPINES. SHE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN HER PERCEPTION OF THREAT TO JOEL SINCE PREVIOUS DAY'S CONVERSATION. SHE REPEATED STATEMENT MADE PREVIOUS DAY THAT SHE DOES NOT FEEL THAT SHE OR HER SON (DIEGO) ARE IN DANGER.

3. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH LIKELIHOOD OF ROCAMORA BEING ARRESTED AND ALSO, IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER GOP WOULD ALLOW HIM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. HE HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY DENIED PERMISSION TO LEAVE TEMPORARILY IN THE PAST AND HAS CONTINUED TO MAKE STATEMENTS IN ACADEMIC FORA CRITICAL OF REGIME. GOVERNMENT MAY ASSUME, NOT WITHOUT REASON, THAT IF HE EMIGRATES HE WILL IMMEDIATELY BECOME VOCAL MEMBER OF OPPOSITION ABROAD. HE HAS BEEN ONLY marginally INVOLVED IN CHICO DAM CONTROVERSY AND IF RPT IF HE IS CURRENTLY IN DANGER IT PROBABLY RELATES TO HIS OVERALL ANTI-MARCOS RECORD RATHER THAN CHICO. FOR SOME INDICATION OF TONE OF RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS BY ROCAMORA, SEE EMBASSY MEMO NOV 13, 1975, "PCAS LAUNCHES JOEL ROCAMORA'S BOOK" (COPY WAS SENT EA/PHL). SULLIVAN

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